

GLOBAL INDUSTRIES LTD

Form 10-Q

November 04, 2010

**Table of Contents**

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number: 0-21086  
Global Industries, Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Louisiana**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**72-1212563**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**8000 Global Drive  
Carlyss, Louisiana**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**70665**

(Zip Code)

**(337) 583-5000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**None**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changes since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES  NO

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of November 2, 2010, was 115,229,562.

---

**Global Industries, Ltd.**  
**Table of Contents**

	<b>Page</b>
<b><u>PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u></b>	
<u>Item 1. Financial Statements</u>	3
<u>Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)</u>	3
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)</u>	4
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Equity (Unaudited)</u>	5
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)</u>	6
<u>Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)</u>	7
<u>Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	24
<u>Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	35
<u>Item 4. Controls and Procedures</u>	36
<b><u>PART II OTHER INFORMATION</u></b>	
<u>Item 1. Legal Proceedings</u>	37
<u>Item 1A. Risk Factors</u>	37
<u>Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	37
<u>Item 6. Exhibits</u>	38
<u>Signatures</u>	39
<u>EX-10.3</u>	
<u>EX-31.1</u>	
<u>EX-31.2</u>	
<u>EX-32.1</u>	
<u>EX-32.2</u>	
<u>EX-101 INSTANCE DOCUMENT</u>	
<u>EX-101 SCHEMA DOCUMENT</u>	
<u>EX-101 CALCULATION LINKBASE DOCUMENT</u>	
<u>EX-101 LABELS LINKBASE DOCUMENT</u>	
<u>EX-101 PRESENTATION LINKBASE DOCUMENT</u>	
<u>EX-101 DEFINITION LINKBASE DOCUMENT</u>	

**Table of Contents****PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements.**

**GLOBAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
*(In thousands)*

	<b>September 30 2010</b>	<b>December 31 2009</b>
	<i>(Unaudited)</i>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 322,369	\$ 344,855
Restricted cash	4,547	1,139
Marketable securities		30,750
Accounts receivable net of allowance of \$2,794 for 2010 and \$2,765 for 2009	57,890	160,273
Unbilled work on uncompleted contracts	73,259	92,569
Contract costs incurred not yet recognized	33,303	489
Deferred income taxes	6,380	2,945
Assets held for sale	17,127	16,152
Prepaid expenses and other	37,648	31,596
Total current assets	552,523	680,768
<b>Property and Equipment, net</b>	819,866	722,819
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Marketable securities long-term		11,097
Accounts receivable long-term	8,677	12,294
Deferred charges, net	30,933	49,866
Goodwill		37,388
Other	21,110	9,961
Total other assets	60,720	120,606
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,433,109</b>	<b>\$ 1,524,193</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current maturities of long term debt	\$ 3,960	\$ 3,960
Accounts payable	140,599	192,008
Employee-related liabilities	22,050	18,079
Income taxes payable	26,385	45,301
Accrued anticipated contract losses	15,484	322
Other accrued liabilities	18,034	15,489
Total current liabilities	226,512	275,159

<b>Long-Term Debt</b>	297,100	294,366
<b>Deferred Income Taxes</b>	64,863	69,998
<b>Other Liabilities</b>	17,420	15,171

**Commitments and Contingencies****Equity**

Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 250,000 shares authorized, and 115,133 and 119,989 shares issued at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively

	1,151	1,200
Additional paid-in capital	413,952	513,353
Retained earnings	420,620	468,430
Treasury stock at cost, 6,130 shares at December 31, 2009		(105,038)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(8,708)	(8,446)
Shareholders' equity Global Industries, Ltd.	827,015	869,499
Noncontrolling interest	199	
Total equity	827,214	869,499
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,433,109</b>	<b>\$ 1,524,193</b>

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Table of Contents****GLOBAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS***(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)*

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30</b>		<b>September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Revenues	\$ 189,501	\$ 203,718	\$ 418,080	\$ 768,010
Cost of operations	179,707	163,855	405,352	617,609
<b>Gross profit</b>	9,794	39,863	12,728	150,401
Goodwill impairment	37,388		37,388	
Loss (gain) on other asset disposals and impairments	(23,271)	274	(12,483)	(8,249)
Relocation costs	838		838	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	16,633	19,075	51,572	55,635
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	(21,794)	20,514	(64,587)	103,015
Interest income	516	402	1,249	1,594
Interest expense	(2,649)	(2,756)	(7,308)	(9,978)
Other income (expense), net	1,275	9	269	6,579
<b>Income (loss) before taxes</b>	(22,652)	18,169	(70,377)	101,210
Income tax expense (benefit)	5,067	4,151	(22,706)	22,228
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	(27,719)	14,018	(47,671)	78,982
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	139		139	
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to Global Industries, Ltd.</b>	\$ (27,858)	\$ 14,018	\$ (47,810)	\$ 78,982
<b>Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share</b>				
Basic:				
Net income (loss) attributable to Global Industries, Ltd.	\$ (0.24)	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.69
Diluted:				
Net income (loss) attributable to Global Industries, Ltd.	\$ (0.24)	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.69
<b>Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding</b>				
Basic	113,959	112,693	113,721	112,550
Diluted	113,959	113,278	113,721	113,118

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Table of Contents****GLOBAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY***(in thousands, except share data)**(Unaudited)*

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Shareholder Equity-Global	Non- controlling Interest	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount							
Balance at Dec. 31, 2009	119,988,742	\$ 1,200	\$ 513,353	\$ (105,038)	\$ (8,446)	\$ 468,430	\$ 869,499	\$	\$ 869,499
Comprehensive income (loss):									
Net Income (loss)						(47,810)	(47,810)	139	(47,671)
Unrealized loss on derivatives					(345)		(345)		(345)
Reclassification of unrealized loss on auction rate securities					83		83		83
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of tax					(262)	(47,810)	(48,072)	139	(47,933)
Amortization of unearned stock compensation			2,439				2,439		2,439
Restricted stock issues, net	1,270,315	12	3,526				3,538		3,538
Exercise of stock options	4,400		19				19		19
Tax effect of exercise of stock options			(408)				(408)		(408)
Retirement of treasury stock	(6,130,195)	(61)	(104,977)	105,038					
Sale of subsidiary shares to noncontrolling interest								60	60
<b>Balance at Sept. 30, 2010</b>	<b>115,133,262</b>	<b>\$ 1,151</b>	<b>\$ 413,952</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (8,708)</b>	<b>\$ 420,620</b>	<b>\$ 827,015</b>	<b>\$ 199</b>	<b>\$ 827,214</b>



	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In	Treasury	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Retained	Shareholder	Non- controlling	Total
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Stock	Loss	Earnings	Equity-Glob	Interest	Equity
Balance at Dec. 31, 2008	119,649,860	\$ 1,197	\$ 509,345	\$(105,038)	\$ (11,393)	\$ 394,699	\$ 788,810	\$	\$ 788,810
Comprehensive income (loss):									
Net Income						78,982	78,982		78,982
Unrealized gain on derivatives					3,276		3,276		3,276
Unrealized loss on auction rate securities					(79)		(79)		(79)
Total comprehensive income, net of tax					3,197	78,982	82,179		82,179
Amortization of unearned stock compensation			4,668				4,668		4,668
Restricted stock issues, net	335,994	3	259				262		262
Exercise of stock options	34,233		126				126		126
Tax effect of exercise of stock options			(1,089)				(1,089)		(1,089)
<b>Balance at Sept. 30, 2009</b>	<b>120,020,087</b>	<b>\$ 1,200</b>	<b>\$ 513,309</b>	<b>\$(105,038)</b>	<b>\$ (8,196)</b>	<b>\$ 473,681</b>	<b>\$ 874,956</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 874,956</b>

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Table of Contents****GLOBAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS***(In thousands)**(Unaudited)*

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ (47,671)	\$ 78,982
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and non-stock-based amortization	35,468	47,427
Stock-based compensation expense	6,659	5,207
Provision for doubtful accounts	341	3,161
Gain on sale or disposal of property and equipment	(23,964)	(9,207)
Derivative (gain) loss	413	(838)
Loss on asset impairments	48,869	958
Deferred income taxes	(18,990)	7,006
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		(57)
Other	1,543	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable, unbilled work, and contract costs	92,154	5,403
Prepaid expenses and other	(7,760)	(15,938)
Accounts payable, employee-related liabilities, and other accrued liabilities	(23,802)	(59,310)
Deferred dry-docking costs incurred	(2,169)	(6,465)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	61,091	56,329
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from the sale of assets	35,512	26,915
Advance deposits on asset sales	5,750	
Additions to property and equipment	(132,280)	(79,018)
Sale of marketable securities	41,414	
Decrease in (additions to) restricted cash	(3,407)	93,377
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(53,011)	41,274
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>		
Repayment of long-term debt	(3,960)	(3,960)
Payments on long-term payables for property and equipment acquisitions	(26,031)	
Proceeds from sale of common stock, net	19	126
Repurchase of common stock	(725)	(283)
Additions to deferred charges	(563)	(596)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		57
Other	60	

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(31,200)	(4,656)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	634	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Increase (decrease)	(22,486)	92,947
Beginning of period	344,855	287,669
End of period	\$ 322,369	\$ 380,616
<b>Supplemental Disclosures</b>		
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 10,227	\$ 11,128
Income taxes paid	\$ 2,347	\$ 10,271
Property and equipment additions included in accounts payable	\$ 55,150	\$ 71,154

6

**Table of Contents**

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

**1. General**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Global Industries, Ltd. and its subsidiaries ( Company, we, us, or our ).

In the opinion of our management, all adjustments (such adjustments consisting of a normal and recurring nature) necessary for a fair presentation of the operating results for the interim periods presented have been included in the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Operating results for the period ended September 30, 2010, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2010. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

All \$ represent U.S. Dollars.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

**ASU No. 2010-09.** In February 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-09 which amends ASC Topic 855 to address certain implementation issues related to an entity's requirement to perform and disclose subsequent events procedures. This guidance requires SEC filers and conduit debt obligors for conduit debt securities that are traded in a public market to evaluate subsequent events through the date the financial statements are issued. All other entities are required to evaluate subsequent events through the date the financial statements are available to be issued. The guidance also exempts SEC filers from disclosing the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated. This guidance was effective upon issuance. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ASU No. 2010-06.** In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-06 which amends ASC Topic 820 to add new disclosure requirements about recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements including significant transfers into and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and information on purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis in the reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements. It also clarifies existing fair value disclosures about the level of disaggregation and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the Level 3 reconciliation disclosures which are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ASU No. 2009-17.** In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* (ASC Topic 810-10). This updated guidance requires an analysis to determine whether a variable interest gives the entity a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity. It also requires an ongoing reassessment and eliminates the quantitative approach previously required for determining whether an entity is the primary beneficiary. This update is codified in ASU No. 2009-17 and is effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

**2. Restricted Cash**

At September 30, 2010, we had approximately \$4.5 million of restricted cash, which included \$3.4 million for excess project funds denominated in Indian rupees and held at the Reserve Bank of India related to our Asia Pacific/Middle East segment. These funds can only be repatriated after the project accounts are audited and tax clearances obtained. We expect the period of restriction on this cash will not

exceed twelve months and is therefore classified as a current asset on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The remaining \$1.1 million restricted cash was comprised of cash deposits related to foreign currency exchange arrangements. Restrictions with respect to these deposits will remain in effect until we terminate the associated foreign currency exchange arrangement.

**Table of Contents****3. *Marketable Securities***

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, we redeemed, at par, the remaining \$0.8 million balance of our auction rate securities, which are variable rate bonds tied to short-term interest rates which reset through a Dutch auction at predetermined short intervals. As of December 31, 2009, we held \$42.0 million at par value in auction rate securities that were issued by municipalities and state education agencies. The auction rate securities issued by state education agencies represented pools of student loans for which repayment is substantially guaranteed by the U.S. government under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. All of our investments in auction rate securities had at least a double A rating. As of December 31, 2009, the par value of our auction rate securities issued by municipalities and state education agencies was \$12.0 million and \$30.0 million, respectively.

**Auction Rate Securities under Settlement Agreement** Due to continuing failures of auctions for our auction rate securities, we entered into an auction rate security rights agreement (the Settlement) with UBS Financial Services, Inc. (UBS) in November 2008 that permitted us to sell, or put, certain auction rate securities back to UBS at par value at any time during the period from June 30, 2010 through July 2, 2012. As of December 31, 2009, the par value of our auction rate securities covered under the Settlement was \$30.8 million. These auction rate securities were classified as trading securities; consequently, we were required to assess the fair value of these auction rate securities and of the Settlement and to record changes in earnings each period until the Settlement was exercised and the securities were sold.

As of December 31, 2009, the fair value of the auction rate securities covered under the Settlement was \$28.5 million, a decline of \$2.3 million from par value. However, as we would be permitted to put these securities back to UBS at par, the fair value assessment of the Settlement was measured at an offsetting \$2.3 million. Because all auction rate securities covered under the Settlement were either sold or put to UBS during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we reversed the other-than-temporary impairment of \$2.3 million on the auction rate securities and the offsetting gain of \$2.3 million on the fair value assessment of the Settlement. These changes were reflected in Other income (expense), net for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. As of September 30, 2009, the fair value of the auction rate securities covered under the Settlement was \$28.0 million, a decline of \$2.8 million from par value, but an improvement in the \$3.1 million impairment recognized at December 31, 2008. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we reversed \$1.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, of the other-than-temporary impairment on the auction rate securities. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we also reversed \$1.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, of the gain on the fair value assessment of the Settlement. These changes were reflected in Other income (expense), net on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009.

**Auction Rate Securities Not Covered under Settlement** As of December 31, 2009, the par value of our auction rate securities not covered under the Settlement was \$11.2 million. In March 2010, we sold \$11.2 million of our auction rate securities not covered under the Settlement for \$10.7 million. We recognized the \$0.5 million loss on the sale of the securities in Other income (expense), net on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

**4. *Derivatives***

We provide services in a number of countries throughout the world and, as a result, are exposed to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Costs in some countries are incurred, in part, in currencies other than the applicable functional currency. We selectively use forward foreign currency contracts to manage our foreign currency exposure. Our outstanding forward foreign currency contracts at September 30, 2010 are used to hedge (i) cash flows for long-term charter payments on a multi-service vessel denominated in Norwegian kroner, (ii) certain purchase commitments related to the construction of the *Global 1201* denominated in Singapore dollars and (iii) a portion of the operating costs of our Asia Pacific/Middle East segment that are denominated in Singapore dollars.

The Norwegian kroner forward contracts have maturities extending until June 2011 and are accounted for as cash flow hedges with the effective portion of unrealized gains and losses recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, there was no ineffective portion of the hedging relationship for these forward contracts. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, there were \$0.3 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, in unrealized gains, net of taxes, in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Included in the September 30, 2010 total is approximately \$0.3 million which is expected to be realized in earnings during the twelve months following September 30, 2010. As of September 30, 2010, these contracts are included in Prepaid expenses and other on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, valued at \$0.4 million. As of December 31, 2009, these contracts are included in Prepaid expenses and other and Other assets on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, valued at \$0.7 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. For the three

**Table of Contents**

months and nine months ended September 2010, we recorded \$0.01 million in realized losses and \$0.2 million in realized gains, respectively, related to these contracts which are included in Cost of operations on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we recorded \$0.1 million in realized gains and \$0.6 million in realized losses, respectively, related to these contracts which are included in Cost of operations on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Our Singapore dollar contracts have maturities extending until May 2011. We have not elected hedge treatment for these contracts. Consequently, changes in the fair value of these instruments and cash settlements are recorded in Other income (expense), net on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010, we recorded \$0.5 million in gains and \$0.1 million in losses, respectively, related to these contracts. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we recorded \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, in gains related to these contracts. As of September 30, 2010, these contracts are included in Prepaid expenses and other on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets valued at \$0.5 million. As of December 31, 2009, the fair value of these contracts was \$0.9 million and is included in Prepaid expenses and other on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**5. Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is defined in accounting guidance as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e. exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This guidance establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. The hierarchy for inputs is categorized into three levels based on the reliability of inputs as follows:

- Level 1      Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2      Inputs (other than quoted prices in active markets) that are either directly or indirectly observable.
- Level 3      Unobservable inputs which requires management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Our financial instruments include cash and short-term investments, investments in auction rate securities, accounts receivable, accounts payable, debt, and forward foreign currency contracts. Except as described below, the estimated fair value of such financial instruments at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 approximates their carrying value as reflected in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Our debt consists of our United States Government Ship Financing Title XI bonds and our Senior Convertible Debentures due 2027 (the "Senior Convertible Debentures"). The fair value of the bonds, based on current market conditions and net present value calculations, as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was approximately \$75.3 million and \$74.4 million, respectively. The fair value of the debentures, based on quoted market prices, as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was \$229.9 million and \$202.3 million, respectively.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized in the tables below based upon the lowest level of significant input to the valuations.

**Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2010***(In thousands)*

Description	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash equivalents	\$ 108,600	\$ 108,600	\$	\$
Derivative contracts	884		884	



Total	\$ 109,484	\$ 108,600	\$ 884	\$
-------	------------	------------	--------	----

9

---

**Table of Contents****Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009***(In thousands)*

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
Cash equivalents	\$ 63,797	\$ 63,797	\$	\$
Marketable securities	41,847			41,847
Derivative contracts	1,827		1,827	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 107,471</b>	<b>\$ 63,797</b>	<b>\$ 1,827</b>	<b>\$ 41,847</b>

Financial instruments classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy represent our forward foreign currency contracts. These contracts are valued using the market approach which uses prices and other information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

Financial instruments classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2009 represent our previous investment in auction rate securities and the related put option described in Note 3 in which management used at least one significant unobservable input in the valuation model. We settled our remaining auction rate securities in the third quarter of 2010.

Due to the lack of observable market quotes on our auction rate securities portfolio, we utilized a valuation model that relied on Level 3 inputs including market, tax status, credit quality, duration, recent market observations and overall capital market liquidity. The valuation of the auction rate securities was subject to uncertainties that were difficult to predict. Factors that may have impacted our valuation included changes to credit ratings of the securities as well as to the underlying assets supporting those securities, rates of default of the underlying assets, underlying collateral value, discount rates, counterparty risk and ongoing strength and quality of market credit and liquidity.

The following table presents a reconciliation of activity for such securities:

**Changes in Level 3 Financial Instruments***(In thousands)*

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30</b>		<b>September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 750	\$ 41,035	\$ 41,847	\$ 42,375
Sales	(750)		(41,414)	
Total gains or (losses):				
Realized losses included in other income (expense), net			(561)	
Changes in net unrealized gain (losses) included in other comprehensive income		1,218	128	(122)
Balance at end of period	\$	\$ 42,253	\$	\$ 42,253

In the third quarter of 2010, we classified the *Cherokee*, a DLB, and the *CB6*, a material barge, in our North America OCD segment to Assets held for sale. Consequently, we remeasured the fair value of these assets using a valuation model that relies on Level 3 inputs including market data of recent sales of similar assets, our prior experience in the sale of similar assets, and price of third party offers for the assets. The fair value of these assets of \$18.2 million exceeds their carrying amount of \$9.4 million; therefore, no impairment was incurred upon classification to assets held for sale. The remaining assets held for sale continue to be held at the lower of their carrying value or net realizable value.

**6. Goodwill**

We perform our annual impairment analysis of goodwill as of January 1 each year or more often if circumstances indicate that an impairment may exist. We test each of our reporting units for goodwill impairment. Our reporting units are the same as our reporting segments. The goodwill impairment test requires a two-step process. The first step consists of comparing the estimated fair value of each reporting unit with its carrying amount, including

**Table of Contents**

goodwill. If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, then it is not considered impaired and no further analysis is required. If step one indicates that the estimated fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, then impairment potentially exists and the second step is performed to measure the amount of goodwill impairment. Goodwill impairment exists when the estimated implied fair value of a reporting unit's goodwill is less than its carrying value.

During the third quarter, we tested the goodwill of the Latin America and North America OCD reporting units for potential impairment in light of losses incurred during the period and weaker outlook for future performance.

We compared the carrying value of each reporting unit to its estimated fair value as of September 30, 2010. We estimated the fair value of the Latin America reporting unit based on a weighting of both the income approach and the market approach. Although considered, the market approach was not used to estimate the fair value of the North America OCD reporting unit, as comparable enterprises, gross margins, and market-based growth rates were determined not to be representative. The discounted cash flows for each reporting unit that served as the primary basis for the income approach were based on financial forecasts developed by management. The annual growth rates in revenues forecasted for each reporting unit for the first five years of our projections ranged between negative 5.0% and 33.9%. The terminal value was calculated using an exit multiple of 4.5 times forecasted 2015 EBITDA based on an implied internal rate of return for the Company of 11.1%. The income approach valuations also included reporting unit cash flow discount rates, representing each reporting unit's estimated weighted cost of capital. The weighted average cost of capital was estimated to be 13.0% for the Latin America reporting unit and 12.6% for the North America OCD reporting unit. The market approach applied pricing multiples derived from publicly-traded companies that are comparable to the respective reporting unit to determine its value. To estimate the value of the Latin America reporting unit under the market approach, we utilized an enterprise value/2011 forecasted EBITDA multiple of 5.3 times. Publicly-available information regarding our market capitalization was also considered in assessing the reasonableness of the cumulative fair value of our reporting units.

As a result of the first step of our goodwill impairment test as of September 30, 2010, we estimated that the fair values of our Latin America and North America OCD reporting units were less than their respective carrying amounts, indicating impairment may exist. Because indicators of impairment existed, we performed the second step of the test to determine the implied fair value of goodwill for our North America OCD and Latin America reporting units. The implied fair value of goodwill was measured as the excess of the estimated fair value of each reporting unit over the amounts assigned to its assets and liabilities. The impairment loss for each reporting unit was measured by the amount that the carrying value of goodwill exceeded the implied fair value of the goodwill. Based on this assessment, we recorded an impairment charge of \$37.4 million (\$36.3 million for Latin America and \$1.1 million for North America OCD) in the third quarter of 2010, which represented 100% of the reporting units' goodwill prior to the impairment charge.

The following table details our recorded goodwill as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

	<b>North America OCD</b>	<b>Latin America</b> <i>(In thousands)</i>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 1,086	\$ 36,302	\$ 37,388
Goodwill impairment	(1,086)	(36,302)	(37,388)
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$	\$	\$

**7. Receivables**

Our receivables are presented in the following balance sheet accounts: (1) Accounts receivable, (2) Accounts receivable – long term, (3) Unbilled work on uncompleted contracts, and (4) Contract costs incurred not yet recognized. Accounts receivable are stated at net realizable value, and the allowances for uncollectible accounts were \$2.8 million and \$2.8 million at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. Accounts receivable at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 included \$1.1 million and \$25.0 million, respectively, of retainage, which represents the short-term portion of amounts not immediately collectible due to contractually specified requirements. Accounts receivable – long term at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 represented amounts related to retainage which were not expected to be collected within the next twelve months.

**Table of Contents**

Receivables also included claims and unapproved change orders of \$8.6 million at September 30, 2010 and \$28.0 million at December 31, 2009. These claims and change orders are amounts due for extra work and/or changes in the scope of work on certain projects.

The costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts are presented in the following table:

	<b>September 30 2010</b>	<b>December 31 2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Costs incurred and recognized on uncompleted contracts	\$ 234,691	\$ 891,530
Estimated earnings	30,261	66,179
Costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	264,952	957,709
Less: Billings to date	(215,170)	(873,636)
	49,782	84,073
Plus: Accrued revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	23,477	8,496
Less: Advance billing on uncompleted contracts		(175)
	\$ 73,259	\$ 92,394
Included in accompanying balance sheets under the following captions:		
Unbilled work on uncompleted contracts	\$ 73,259	\$ 92,569
Other accrued liabilities		(175)
	\$ 73,259	\$ 92,394

(1) Accrued revenue represents unbilled amounts receivable related to work performed on projects for which the percentage of completion method is not applicable.

**8. Asset Disposal and Impairments and Assets Held for Sale**

Due to escalating costs for dry-docking services, escalating repair and maintenance costs for aging vessels, increasing difficulty in obtaining certain replacement parts, declining marketability of certain vessels, and our strategic shift to deepwater vessels, we decided to forego dry-docking or refurbishment of certain vessels and to sell or permanently retire them from service. Consequently, we recognized gains and losses on the disposition of certain vessels, and non-cash impairment charges on the retirement of other vessels. Each asset was analyzed using an

undiscounted cash flow analysis and valued at the lower of carrying value or net realizable value.

**Net Gains and (Losses) on Asset Disposal** consisted of the following:

Segment	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
North America OCD	\$ 2,734	\$	\$ 2,734	\$
North America Subsea		(64)	25	5,003
Latin America	9,473	(2)	9,473	(13)
West Africa	11,626	(145)	11,618	643
Asia Pacific/ Middle East	(12)	(63)	128	3,600
Corporate	(2)		(13)	(26)
	\$ 23,819	\$ (274)	\$ 23,965	\$ 9,207

**Table of Contents**

**Losses on Asset Impairments** consisted of the following:

Segment	Description of Asset	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		September 30 2010	September 30 2009	September 30 2010	September 30 2009
		<i>(In thousands)</i>			
North America OCD	Other equipment	\$	\$	\$ 5,038	\$
North America Subsea	Two DSVs and one dive system in 2010 and one DSV and three dive systems in 2009	548		1,260	768
Latin America	One DSV				190
Asia Pacific/Middle East	One DSV and other equipment			5,184	
		\$ 548	\$	\$ 11,482	\$ 958

In accordance with accounting guidance, long-lived assets held for sale are carried at the lower of the asset's carrying value or net realizable value and depreciation ceases.

**Assets Held for Sale** consisted of the following:

Segment	Description of Asset	September 30 2010	Description of Asset	December 31 2009
		<i>(In thousands)</i>		<i>(In thousands)</i>
North America OCD	One DLB, one material barge and other equipment	\$ 12,933	None	\$
West Africa	None		One DLB, one DSV, and other equipment	6,832
Asia Pacific/Middle East	One OSV and other equipment	4,194	One OSV and other equipment	9,320
		\$ 17,127		\$ 16,152

**9. Property and Equipment**

The components of property and equipment, at cost, and the related accumulated depreciation are as follows:

	September 30 2010	December 31 2009
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Land	\$ 6,322	\$ 6,322
Facilities and equipment	180,571	183,526
Marine vessels	423,665	474,208
Construction in progress	506,019	375,360
Total property and equipment	1,116,577	1,039,416
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(296,711)	(316,597)



Property and equipment, net	\$ 819,866	\$ 722,819
-----------------------------	------------	------------

Expenditures for property and equipment and items that substantially increase the useful lives of existing assets are capitalized at cost and depreciated. Routine expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. We capitalized \$4.5 million and \$3.9 million of interest costs for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We capitalized \$13.4 million and \$10.5 million of interest costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Except for major construction vessels that are depreciated on the units-of-production ( UOP ) method over estimated vessel operating days, depreciation is provided utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The UOP method is based on vessel utilization days and more closely correlates depreciation expense to vessel revenue. In addition, the UOP method provides for a minimum depreciation floor in periods with nominal vessel use. In general, if we applied only a straight-line depreciation

**Table of Contents**

method instead of the UOP method, less depreciation expense would be recorded in periods of high utilization and revenues, and more depreciation expense would be recorded in periods of low vessel utilization and revenues.

**10. Deferred Dry-Docking Costs**

We utilize the deferral method to capitalize vessel dry-docking costs and to amortize the costs to the next dry-docking. Such capitalized costs include regulatory required steel replacement, direct costs for vessel mobilization and demobilization and rental of dry-docking facilities and services. Crew costs may also be capitalized when employees perform all or a part of the required dry-docking. Any repair and maintenance costs incurred during the dry-docking period are expensed.

The below table presents dry-docking costs incurred and amortization for all periods presented:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30</b>		<b>September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>		<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Net book value at beginning of period	\$ 34,123	\$ 50,538	\$ 41,825	\$ 61,552
Additions for the period		1,209	2,169	6,465
Reclassifications to assets held for sale	(8,090)		(9,761)	(4,914)
Amortization expense for the period	(3,966)	(5,251)	(12,166)	(16,607)
Net book value at end of period	\$ 22,067	\$ 46,496	\$ 22,067	\$ 46,496

**11. Long-Term Debt**

The components of long-term debt are as follows:

	<b>September 30 2010</b>	<b>December 31 2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Senior Convertible Debentures due 2027, 2.75%		
Principal amount of debt component	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
Less: Unamortized debt discount	81,360	88,054
Carrying amount of debt component	243,640	236,946
Title XI Bonds due 2025, 7.71%	57,420	61,380
Revolving Credit Facility		
Total long-term debt	301,060	298,326
Less: Current maturities	3,960	3,960
Long-term debt less current maturities	\$ 297,100	\$ 294,366

**Senior Convertible Debentures**

On January 1, 2009, we implemented new accounting guidance which changed the accounting treatment of our Senior Convertible Debentures due 2027 (the Debentures). This guidance requires cash settled convertible debt to be separated into debt and equity components at issuance and a value to be assigned to each. The value assigned to the debt component is the estimated fair value of similar debentures without the conversion feature. The difference between the debenture cash proceeds and this estimated fair value was recorded as debt discount and is being amortized to interest expense over the 10-year period ending August 1, 2017. This is the earliest date that holders of

the Debentures may require us to repurchase all or part of their Debentures for cash.

The Debentures are convertible into cash, and if applicable, into shares of our common stock, or under certain circumstances and at our election, solely into our common stock, based on a conversion rate of 28.1821 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the Debentures, which represents an initial conversion price of \$35.48 per share. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Debentures if-converted value does not exceed the Debentures principal of \$325 million.

**Table of Contents**

The equity component of the Debentures is comprised of the following:

	<b>September 30 2010</b>	<b>December 31 2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Debt discount on issuance	\$ 107,261	\$ 107,261
Less: Issuance costs	2,249	2,249
Deferred income tax	36,772	36,772
Carrying amount of equity component	\$ 68,240	\$ 68,240

The table below presents interest expense for the Debentures:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>		<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Contractual interest coupon, 2.75%	\$ 2,235	\$ 2,235	\$ 6,703	\$ 6,703
Amortization of debt discount	2,277	2,116	6,694	6,219
Total Debentures interest expense	\$ 4,512	\$ 4,351	\$ 13,397	\$ 12,922
Effective interest rate	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%

**Revolving Credit Facility**

Our Revolving Credit Facility, which matures on October 18, 2012, provides a borrowing capacity of up to \$150.0 million. As of September 30, 2010, we had no borrowings against the facility, \$44.2 million of letters of credit outstanding thereunder, and available credit of \$105.8 million. Due to the subsequent sale of two vessels mortgaged under the Revolving Credit Facility, our effective maximum borrowing capacity has been reduced to approximately \$134.1 million as of October 31, 2010.

Our initial financial projections for 2010 indicated that we might not meet our leverage ratio covenant in our Revolving Credit Facility beginning in the second quarter of 2010 and continuing through the fourth quarter of 2010. Earlier this year, we began discussions with our lenders regarding these potential violations. On June 16, 2010, our Revolving Credit Facility was amended to provide for a modification period beginning on the date of the amendment and ending the earlier of June 30, 2011 or upon compliance with covenant conditions under the Revolving Credit Facility and a written request to end the modification period (the *Modification Period*). During the *Modification Period* (1) the net debt to EBITDA coverage ratio under the Revolving Credit Facility will be suspended, (2) we will be required to maintain a trailing twelve months minimum EBITDA of \$40,000,000, and (3) no borrowings, other than letters of credit and guarantees, will be permitted. Once terminated, the *Modification Period* may not be reinstated. The interest rates on letters of credit will range from 2.75% to 3.5%.

When we finalized the Revolving Credit Facility amendment on June 16, 2010, the financial impact of the oil spill in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico was not forecasted to be as significant as it has since evolved to be. In addition, we experienced project losses on two ongoing projects in Mexico. Consequently, as a result of our operating performance, we did not meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio covenant or the minimum EBITDA covenant of our amended Revolving Credit Facility as of September 30, 2010. On November 3, 2010, the financial institutions participating in the Revolving Credit Facility waived compliance with the covenant conditions for the

third quarter.

Our current financial projections indicate that we may not meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio covenant or the minimum EBITDA covenant under the amended Revolving Credit Facility in the fourth quarter of 2010 and continuing into 2011. We are currently in discussion with our lenders regarding these potential violations. If we do not meet these covenants, we may be required to cash collateralize our outstanding letters of credit or explore other alternatives with respect to the covenant violations. If we are required to cash collateralize letters of credit, it would reduce our available cash and may impact our ability to bid on future projects. Further, upon a covenant violation and the declaration of an event of default by our lenders, under the cross default provisions of our Title XI bonds (1) we may be subject to additional reporting requirements, (2) we may be subject to additional covenants restricting our operations, and (3) the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation ( MarAd ), guarantor

## **Table of Contents**

of the bonds, may institute procedures that could ultimately allow the bondholders the right to demand payment of the bonds from MarAd. MarAd can alternatively assume the obligation to pay the bonds when due. As we have no outstanding indebtedness under our Revolving Credit Facility, an event of default related to the covenant failure would not trigger the cross default provision of our Senior Convertible Debentures. It is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of discussions with our lenders or the effect that these potential violations may have on our financial position.

Our Revolving Credit Facility has a customary cross default provision triggered by a default of any of our other indebtedness, the aggregate principal amount of which is in excess of \$5 million.

We also have a \$6.0 million short-term credit facility at one of our foreign locations. At September 30, 2010, we had \$3.0 million of letters of credit outstanding and \$3.0 million of credit availability under this particular credit facility.

## **12. *Commitments and Contingencies***

### **Commitments**

***Construction and Purchases in Progress*** The estimated cost to complete capital expenditure projects in progress at September 30, 2010 was approximately \$198.2 million, of which \$90.6 million is obligated through contractual commitments. The total estimated cost primarily represents expenditures for construction of the ***Global 1200*** and ***Global 1201***, our new generation derrick/pipelay vessels. This amount includes aggregate commitments of 44.0 million Singapore dollars (or \$33.4 million as of September 30, 2010) and 4.5 million Euros or (\$6.2 million as of September 30, 2010). We have entered into forward contracts to purchase 7.5 million Singapore dollars to hedge certain purchase commitments related to the construction of the ***Global 1201*** and 2.5 million Singapore dollars to hedge operating expenses related to our Asia Pacific/Middle East segment.

***Off Balance Sheet Arrangements*** In the normal course of our business activities, and pursuant to agreements or upon obtaining such agreements to perform construction services, we provide guarantees, bonds, and letters of credit to customers, vendors, and other parties. At September 30, 2010, the aggregate amount of these outstanding bonds was \$33.4 million, which are scheduled to expire between October 2010 and September 2011, and the aggregate amount of outstanding letters of credit was \$44.6 million, which are due to expire between October 2010 and March 2014.

### **Contingencies**

During the fourth quarter of 2007, we received a payroll tax assessment for the years 2005 through 2007 from the Nigerian Revenue Department valued at \$18.5 million based on the exchange rate of the Nigerian naira as of September 30, 2010. The assessment alleges that certain expatriate employees, working on projects in Nigeria, were subject to personal income taxes, which were not paid to the government. We filed a formal objection to the assessment on November 12, 2007. We do not believe these employees are subject to the personal income tax assessed; however, based on past practices of the Nigerian Revenue Department, we believe this matter will ultimately have to be resolved by litigation. We do not expect the ultimate resolution to have a material adverse effect on our future operating results.

During 2008, we received an additional assessment from the Nigerian Revenue Department valued at \$37.9 million, based on the exchange rate of the Nigerian naira as of September 30, 2010, for tax withholding related to third party service providers. The assessment alleges that taxes were not withheld from third party service providers for the years 2002 through 2006 and remitted to the Nigerian government. We have filed an objection to the assessment. We do not expect the ultimate resolution to have a material adverse effect on our future operating results.

During the third quarter of 2009, we received a tax assessment from the Mexican Revenue Department in the amount of \$5.9 million related to the 2003 tax year. The assessment alleges that chartered vessels should be treated as equipment leases and subject to tax at a rate of 10%. We have engaged outside counsel to assist us in this matter and have filed an appeal in the Mexican court system. We await disposition of that appeal. We do not expect the ultimate resolution to have a material adverse effect on our future operating results; however, if the Mexican Revenue Department prevails in its assessment, we could be exposed to similar liabilities for each of the tax years beginning with 2004 through the current year.

**Table of Contents**

We have one unresolved issue related to an Algerian tax assessment received by us on February 21, 2007. The remaining amount in dispute is approximately \$10.4 million of alleged value added tax for the years 2004 and 2005. We are contractually indemnified by our client for the full amount of the assessment that remains in dispute. We continue to engage outside tax counsel to assist us in resolving the tax assessment.

**Litigation**

We are involved in various legal proceedings and potential claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, primarily involving claims for personal injury under the General Maritime Laws of the United States and Jones Act as a result of alleged negligence. We believe that the outcome of all such proceedings, even if determined adversely, would not have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

**13. Comprehensive Income**

**Other Comprehensive Income** The differences between net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) for each of the comparable periods presented are as follows.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30</b>		<b>September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Net income (loss)	\$ (27,719)	\$ 14,018	\$ (47,671)	\$ 78,982
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	883	2,077	(531)	5,041
Unrealized gain (loss) on auction rate securities		1,218		(122)
Reclassification of loss on auction rate securities			83	
Deferred tax benefit (expense)	(309)	(1,154)	186	(1,722)
Comprehensive income (loss)	(27,145)	16,159	(47,933)	82,179
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	139		139	
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Global Industries, Ltd.	\$ (27,284)	\$ 16,159	\$ (48,072)	\$ 82,179

**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)** A roll-forward of the amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes, is shown below.

	<b>Cumulative Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment</b>	<b>Forward Foreign Currency Contracts</b>	<b>Auction Rate Securities</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)</b>
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ (8,978)	\$ 615	\$ (83)	\$ (8,446)
Change in value		(587)	83	(504)
Reclassification to earnings		242		242
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$ (8,978)	\$ 270	\$	\$ (8,708)



The amount of cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) relates to prior translations of subsidiaries whose functional currency was not the U.S. dollar. The amount of gain (loss) on forward foreign currency contracts included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) hedges our exposure to changes in Norwegian kroners for commitments of a long-term vessel charter. The amount of loss on auction rate securities relates to a temporary decline in the fair value of certain investments that lack current market liquidity. See also Note 3 for further discussion on auction rate securities.

**14. *Stock-Based Compensation***

We recognize the cost of employee services received in exchange for awards of equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of those awards.

**Table of Contents**

The table below sets forth the total amount of stock-based compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Stock-based compensation expense				
Stock options	\$ 198	\$ 156	\$ 423	\$ 613
Time-based restricted stock	1,012	1,319	5,355	3,912
Performance shares and units	(34)	286	881	682
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 1,176	\$ 1,761	\$ 6,659	\$ 5,207

During the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, 109,500 and 141,622 shares of restricted stock, respectively, vested. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, 345,792 and 486,679 shares of restricted stock, respectively, vested. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, 403,700 shares of stock with immediate vesting were awarded to managerial employees. Pursuant to the terms of the Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy, 45,729 and 107,969 shares, of stock with immediate vesting, respectively, were awarded to our directors during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. During both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, 22,696 shares of restricted stock with immediate vesting were awarded to our directors.

**15. Other Income (Expense), net**

Components of other income (expense), net are as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Foreign exchange rate gain (loss)	\$ 381	\$ (2,488)	\$ 511	\$ 1,864
Derivative contract gain (loss)	510	354	(144)	838
Loss on sale of auction rate securities			(561)	
Insurance settlement		1,750		2,728
Other	384	393	463	1,149
Total	\$ 1,275	\$ 9	\$ 269	\$ 6,579

**16. Income Taxes**

Our effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was (22.4)% and 32.3%, respectively, compared to 22.8% and 22.0%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009. For 2010, the goodwill impairment recognized in our Latin America segment, where the effective tax rate is lower than the corporate tax rate in the United States of 35%, could not be tax benefited. In addition, losses were incurred in jurisdictions with effective tax rates of 35% that could be fully tax benefited while income was earned in jurisdictions with low tax rates. This mix of losses in higher tax jurisdictions offset by income in low tax jurisdictions and the goodwill impairment results in a lower year to date effective tax rate when compared to the

corporate tax rate in the United States of 35%. The change in tax rate from 58.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2010 to 32.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 resulted in a cumulative tax adjustment of \$12.4 million which increased the net loss for the third quarter of 2010.

During the second and third quarters of 2010, the statute of limitations for several uncertain tax positions expired. As a result, we have reduced our unrecognized tax benefits in the amount of \$0.04 million and our interest expense associated with these items in the amount of \$0.08 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we have reduced our unrecognized tax benefits in the amount of \$0.2 million and our interest expense associated with these items in the amount of \$0.5 million. We recognize interest expense and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as part of our non-operating expenses.

**Table of Contents**

***17. Earnings Per Share***

Basic earnings per share ( EPS ) is computed by dividing earnings (loss) attributed to common shareholders during the period by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributed to common shareholders during the period by the weighted average number of shares of common stock that would have been outstanding assuming the issuance of potentially dilutive shares of common stock as if such shares were outstanding during the reporting period, net of shares assumed to be repurchased using the treasury stock method. The dilutive effect of stock options and performance units is based on the treasury stock method. The dilutive effect of non-vested restricted stock awards is based on the more dilutive of the treasury stock method or the two-class method assuming a reallocation of undistributed earnings to common shareholders after considering the dilutive effect of potential shares of common stock other than the non-vested shares of restricted stock.

In accordance with current accounting guidance, certain instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to participate in computing earnings per share under the two-class method. Our non-vested restricted stock awards contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends and consequently are included in the computation of basic earnings per share under the two-class method.

**Table of Contents**

The following table presents information necessary to calculate earnings (loss) per share of common stock for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>			
Basic EPS:				
Net income (loss) attributable to Global Industries, Ltd.	\$ (27,858)	\$ 14,018	\$ (47,810)	\$ 78,982
Less earnings attributed to shareholders of non-vested restricted stock		(144)		(871)
Earnings (loss) attributed to common shareholders	\$ (27,858)	\$ 13,874	\$ (47,810)	\$ 78,111
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding basic	113,959	112,693	113,721	112,550
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (0.24)	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.69
Diluted EPS:				
Earnings (loss) attributable to common shareholders basic	\$ (27,858)	\$ 13,874	\$ (47,810)	\$ 78,111
Adjustment to earnings (loss) attributable to common shareholders for redistribution to shareholders of non-vested restricted stock				5
Adjusted earnings (loss) attributable to common shareholders diluted	\$ (27,858)	\$ 13,874	\$ (47,810)	\$ 78,116
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding basic	113,959	112,693	113,721	112,550
Dilutive effect of potential common shares:				
Stock options		41		24
Performance units		544		544
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding diluted	113,959	113,278	113,721	113,118
Diluted net income (loss) per common share	\$ (0.24)	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.69

Anti-dilutive shares primarily represent options where the strike price was in excess of the average market price of our common stock for the period reported and are excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share. All potentially dilutive shares of common stock were excluded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 as the net loss results in such shares being anti-dilutive. Excluded anti-dilutive shares totaled 2.0 million and 1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Excluded anti-dilutive shares totaled 2.0 million and 1.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

The net settlement premium obligation on the Senior Convertible Debentures was not included in the dilutive earnings per share calculation for the three or nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 because the conversion price of the debentures was in excess of our common stock price.

**18. *Treasury Stock***

In May 2010, we retired 6.1 million shares of treasury stock. These shares have been cancelled and restored to the status of authorized and unissued shares.

**Table of Contents****19. Segment Information**

The following table presents information about the profit (or loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 of each of our five reportable segments: North America Offshore Construction Division ( OCD ), North America Subsea, Latin America, West Africa, and Asia Pacific/Middle East.

Effective January 1, 2010, we combined our Middle East and Asia Pacific/India segments into the Asia Pacific/Middle East segment. The equipment and personnel assigned to each of these segments as well as the executive management thereof were consolidated during 2009; therefore, we made the decision to combine the segments. The combined reporting segment will continue to pursue projects in both regions. This change has been reflected as a retrospective change to the financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, presented below. This change did not affect our condensed consolidated balance sheets, condensed consolidated statements of operations, or condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30</b>		<b>September 30</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
<b>Total segment revenues</b>				
North America OCD	\$ 26,442	\$ 60,011	\$ 45,846	\$ 108,961
North America Subsea	42,380	46,343	102,873	112,093
Latin America	72,020	35,749	148,462	185,534
West Africa		(529)		101,039
Asia Pacific/Middle East	57,867	76,101	132,843	285,777
Subtotal	198,709	217,675	430,024	793,404
<b>Intersegment eliminations</b>				
North America OCD	(5,902)		(5,902)	
North America Subsea	(3,306)	(13,957)	(6,042)	(25,394)
Subtotal	(9,208)	(13,957)	(11,944)	(25,394)
<b>Consolidated revenues</b>	\$ 189,501	\$ 203,718	\$ 418,080	\$ 768,010
<b>Income (loss) before taxes</b>				
North America OCD	\$ 4,192	\$ 12,903	\$ (10,603)	\$ 4,924
North America Subsea	8,656	10,267	3,920	25,972
Latin America	(50,882)	(10,642)	(62,438)	11,825
West Africa	10,490	(2,709)	7,170	30,150
Asia Pacific/Middle East	12,798	15,670	15,634	50,264
Corporate	(7,906)	(7,320)	(24,060)	(21,925)
<b>Consolidated income (loss) before taxes</b>	\$ (22,652)	\$ 18,169	\$ (70,377)	\$ 101,210





**Table of Contents**

The following table presents information about the assets of each of our reportable segments as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

	<b>September 30 2010</b>	<b>December 31 2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
<b>Segment assets at period end</b>		
North America OCD	\$ 112,219	\$ 140,806
North America Subsea	160,196	180,230
Latin America	139,691	223,699
West Africa	27,408	98,897
Asia Pacific/Middle East	223,614	257,853
Corporate	769,981	622,708
 <b>Consolidated segment assets at period end</b>	 \$ 1,433,109	 \$ 1,524,193

**20. Related Party Transactions**

Mr. William J. Doré, our founder and a member of our Board of Directors, is also a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. We are parties to a retirement and consulting agreement, as amended, with him. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we recorded expense of \$100,000 and \$300,000 for services provided for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We also recorded expenses of \$16,800 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, for use of Mr. Doré's hunting lodge related to two business development trips.

**21. Noncontrolling Interest**

Global International Vessels, Ltd. ( GIV ), a private limited company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the company. On August 10, 2010, GIV sold 60,000 ordinary shares (30 percent) of KGL Ltd. ( KGL ), its wholly owned subsidiary incorporated under the laws of Labuan, to Selecta Flow (M) Sdn. Bhd. ( SF ), incorporated under the laws of Malaysia. SF's 30% share of the net income of KGL is reported as Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest on our Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. SF's 30% share in the equity of KGL is reported as Noncontrolling interest in the Equity section of our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

**22. Relocation and Severance Plan**

In May 2010, under the leadership of our new executive team, the decision was made to centralize critical functions of our company in Houston, Texas. In an effort to improve alignment and project execution, we decided to centralize critical operational functions. These functions include project management; engineering; operations and fleet management; marketing and business development; supply chain management; health, safety, and environmental; and human resources. Many of these functions are currently performed at our offices located both in Carlyss, Louisiana and Houston, Texas.

On September 1, 2010, we announced our plan to consolidate operations in several of these functions and to relocate 15 employees from our office in Carlyss to Houston. Pursuant to the terms of the plan, we will pay all qualifying relocation costs for those employees who accept the relocation offer. We expect the relocation will be

completed by February 28, 2011. We accrued the total estimated relocation costs of \$0.8 million, which are included in Relocation costs and Cost of operations on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Employment for certain employees who were not offered relocation packages or who decline the relocation offer will be terminated, effective March 31, 2011. Termination benefits will be paid to the affected employees in accordance with our existing severance policy and are estimated to be approximately \$0.06 million. Those employees who remain through the transition, which we expect to be completed by March 31, 2011, will receive an additional one-time termination benefit. We began accruing the total estimated one-time termination benefits of approximately \$0.06 million ratably over the seven month period ending March 31, 2011. The \$0.01 million

**Table of Contents**

amount accrued in the third quarter is included in Relocation costs on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

The following table presents the total expenses incurred under the relocation and severance plan by reporting segment:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010	
	Relocation Costs	One-time termination benefits	Relocation Costs	One-time termination benefits
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
North America OCD	\$	\$ 6	\$	\$ 6
Corporate	838	2	838	2
Total	\$ 838	\$ 8	\$ 838	\$ 8

A roll-forward of the accrued liability, which is included in Employee-related liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2010, is presented in the following table:

	Relocation Costs	One-time termination benefits
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$	\$
Costs incurred or charged to expense	838	8
Costs paid or settled	(8)	
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 830	\$ 8

**23. Subsequent Events**

On October 1, 2010, we sold the **CB6** for \$3.2 million resulting in a gain of \$0.9 million. We have received \$17.0 million for the sale of the **Cherokee** and the anticipated delivery date of the vessel to the purchaser is November 9, 2010. Due to the sale of these vessels, which were mortgaged under the Revolving Credit Facility, our effective maximum borrowing capacity has been reduced to approximately \$134.1 million as of October 31, 2010.

As a result of our operating performance, we did not meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio covenant or the minimum EBITDA covenant of our amended Revolving Credit Facility as of September 30, 2010. On November 3, 2010, the financial institutions participating in the Revolving Credit Facility waived compliance with the covenant conditions for the third quarter.

**Table of Contents**

**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

**Forward-Looking Statements**

We are including the following discussion to inform our existing and potential shareholders generally of some of the risks and uncertainties that can affect us and to take advantage of the safe harbor protection for forward-looking statements that applicable federal securities law affords.

From time to time, our management or persons acting on our behalf make forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, to inform existing and potential shareholders about us. These statements may include projections and estimates concerning the timing and success of specific projects and our future backlog, revenues, income and capital expenditures. Forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as estimate, project, predict, believe, expect, anticipate, plan, goal or other words that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. In addition, sometimes we will specifically describe a statement as being a forward-looking statement and refer to this cautionary statement.

In addition, various statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including those that express a belief, expectation or intention, as well as those that are not statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. Those forward-looking statements appear in Part I, Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in the notes to our condensed consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report and elsewhere in this report. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report; we disclaim any obligation to update these statements unless required by securities law, and we caution you not to rely on them unduly. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and assumptions about future events. While our management considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These risks, contingencies and uncertainties relate to, among other matters, the following:

- the level of capital expenditures in the oil and gas industry;
- general economic and business conditions and industry trends;
- risks inherent in doing business abroad;
- the economic and regulatory impact of the oil spill in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico;
- operating hazards related to working offshore;
- our dependence on significant customers;
- the level of offshore drilling activity;
- possible delays or cost overruns, within or outside our control, related to construction projects;
- our ability to attract and retain skilled workers;
- environmental matters;
- changes in laws and regulations;
- the effects of resolving claims and variation orders;
- adverse outcomes from legal and regulatory proceedings;

our ability to obtain surety bonds, letters of credit, and financing;

our availability of capital resources;

our ability to obtain new project awards and utilize our new vessels;

delays or cancellation of projects included in backlog;

fluctuations in the prices of or demand for oil and gas;

our ability to comply with covenants in our credit agreements and other debt instruments and availability, terms and deployment of capital; and

foreign exchange, currency, and interest rate fluctuations.

We believe the items we have outlined above are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in a forward-looking statement made in this report or elsewhere by us or on our behalf. We have discussed many of these factors in more detail elsewhere in this report. These factors are not necessarily all the factors that could affect us. Unpredictable or unanticipated factors we have not discussed in this report could also have material adverse effects on actual results of matters that are the subject of our forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update our description of important factors each time a potential important factor arises, except as required by applicable securities laws and regulations. We advise our security holders that they should (1) be aware that factors not referred to above could affect the accuracy of our forward-looking statements and (2) use caution and common sense when considering our forward-looking

**Table of Contents**

statements. For more detailed information regarding risks, see the discussion of risk factors in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The following discussion presents management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations and should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes for the period ended September 30, 2010.

**Results of Operations*****General***

We are a leading offshore construction company offering a comprehensive and integrated range of marine construction and support services in the North America, Latin America, and Asia Pacific/Middle East regions. These services include pipeline construction, platform installation and removal, project management, construction support, diving services, diverless intervention, SURF (subsea equipment, umbilical, riser, and flow line), IRM (inspection, repairs, and maintenance), and decommissioning/plug and abandonment services.

Our results of operations, in terms of revenues, gross profit, and gross profit as a percentage of revenues ( margins ), are principally driven by three factors: (1) our level of offshore construction activity and subsea activity ( activity ), (2) pricing, which can be affected by contract mix ( pricing ), and (3) operating efficiency on any particular construction project ( productivity ).

Our business consists of two principal activities:

*Offshore Construction Services*, which include pipeline construction, platform installation and removal services, and decommissioning/plug and abandonment services; and

*Subsea Services*, which include diving and diverless intervention, SURF, IRM, and support services for construction.

***Offshore Construction Services***

The level of our offshore construction activity in any given period has a significant impact on our results of operations. Our results of operations depend heavily upon our ability to obtain, in a very competitive environment, a sufficient quantity of offshore construction contracts with sufficient gross profit margins to recover the fixed costs associated with our offshore construction business. The offshore construction business is capital and personnel intensive, and as a practical matter, many of our costs, including the wages of skilled workers, are effectively fixed in the short run regardless of the activity level of our vessels. In general, as activity increases, a greater proportion of these fixed costs are recovered through operating revenues and gross profit and margins increase. Conversely, as activity decreases, our revenues decline, but our costs do not decline proportionally, thereby constricting our gross profit and margins. Our activity level can be affected by changes in demand due to economic or other conditions in the oil and gas exploration industry, seasonal conditions in certain geographical areas, and our ability to win the bidding for available jobs.

Most of our offshore construction revenues are earned through international contracts which are generally larger, more complex, and of longer duration than our typical domestic contracts. Most of these international contracts require a significant amount of working capital, are generally bid on a lump-sum basis, and are secured by a letter of credit or performance bond. Operating cash flows may be negatively affected during periods of escalating activity due to the substantial amounts of cash required to initiate these projects and the normal delays between our cash expenditures and cash receipts from the customer. Additionally, lump-sum contracts for offshore construction services are inherently risky and are subject to many unforeseen circumstances and events that may affect productivity and thus, profitability. When productivity decreases with no offsetting decrease in costs or increases in revenues, our contract margins erode compared to our bid margins. In general, we traditionally bear a larger share of project related risks during periods of weak demand for our services and a smaller share of risks during periods of high demand for our services. Consequently, our revenues and margins from offshore construction services are subject to a high degree of variability, even as compared to other businesses in the offshore energy industry.

***Subsea Services***

Most of our subsea revenues are the result of short-term work, involve numerous smaller contracts, and are usually based on a day-rate charge. Financial risks associated with these types of contracts are normally limited due to their

short-term and non-lump sum nature. However, some subsea contracts, especially those that utilize dive support vessels ( DSVs ), may

**Table of Contents**

involve longer-term commitments that extend from the exploration, design, and installation phases of a field throughout its useful life by providing IRM services. The financial risks which are associated with these commitments remain low in comparison with our offshore construction activities due to the day-rate structure of the contracts. Revenues and margins from our subsea activities tend to be more consistent than from our offshore construction activities.

**Quarter Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to Quarter Ended September 30, 2009**

	Three months ended September 30		2010		2009		% Change (Unfavorable)
	(Thousands)	% of Revenue	(Thousands)	% of Revenue	(Thousands)	% of Revenue	
Revenues	\$ 189,501	100.0%	\$ 203,718	100.0%			(7.0)%
Cost of operations	179,707	94.8	163,855	80.4			(9.7)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>39,863</b>	<b>19.6</b>			<b>(75.4)</b>
Goodwill impairment	37,388	19.7					n/m
Loss (gain) on asset disposals and impairments	(23,271)	12.3	274	0.1			n/m
Relocation costs	838	0.4					n/m
Selling, general and administrative expenses	16,633	8.8	19,075	9.4			12.8
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>(21,794)</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>10.1</b>			<b>(206.2)</b>
Interest income	516	0.3	402	0.2			28.4
Interest expense	(2,649)	1.4	(2,756)	1.4			3.9
Other income (expense), net	1,275	0.6	9				n/m
<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>(22,652)</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>8.9</b>			<b>(224.7)</b>
Income tax expense	5,067	2.7	4,151	2.0			(22.1)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>(27,719)</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14,018</b>	<b>6.9</b>			<b>(297.7)</b>
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	139	0.1					n/m
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to Global Industries, Ltd.</b>	<b>\$ (27,858)</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>\$ 14,018</b>	<b>6.9%</b>			<b>(298.7)%</b>

n/m = not meaningful

**Revenues** Revenues decreased by 7% to \$189.5 million for the third quarter of 2010, compared to \$203.7 million for the third quarter of 2009. This decrease was primarily due to lower activity in all reporting segments except Latin America, and lower pricing in all reporting segments. For a detailed discussion of revenues and income before taxes for each reporting segment, see Segment Information below.

**Gross Profit** Gross profit for the third quarter of 2010 was \$9.8 million compared to \$39.9 million for the third quarter of 2009. This \$30.1 million decrease was primarily due to lower revenues attributable to decreased project activity and low project productivity. Profits from our Latin America segment were lower in the third quarter of 2010 due to low productivity on two projects in Mexico. Lower profits in our West Africa segment were primarily



attributable to lack of project activity attributable to our curtailment of operations in the region in mid-2009. Lower profits in our Asia Pacific/Middle East segment were due to decreased project activity and lower pricing and vessel utilization in the region. Our North America Subsea segment was negatively affected by lower project margins due to competitive project bidding, partially offset by higher vessel utilization of the *Olympic Challenger* and *Normand Commander*. Our North America OCD segment was negatively affected by lower pricing attributable to competitive bidding activity for projects.

**Goodwill Impairment** In the third quarter of 2010, we recognized a goodwill impairment of \$37.4 million. Of the total impairment, \$1.1 million was related to our North America OCD segment and \$36.3 million was related to our Latin America segment.

**Loss (gain) on Asset Disposals and Impairments** Gain on asset disposals and impairments was \$23.3 million, net of losses, for the third quarter of 2010, compared to loss on asset disposals and impairments for the third quarter of 2009 of \$0.3 million. In the third quarter of 2010, we recorded gains of \$2.7 million on the sale of the *Sea Constructor* in our North America OCD segment, \$9.5 million on the sale of the *Shawnee* in our Latin America segment, and \$11.6 million on the sale of the *Cheyenne* and *Tornado* in our West Africa segment. These gains were partially offset by a \$0.5 million impairment of

**Table of Contents**

a diving system in our North America Subsea segment. In comparison, in the third quarter of 2009 we recorded losses of \$0.3 million on the sale of various equipment.

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses** Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$2.5 million to \$16.6 million for the third quarter of 2010, compared to \$19.1 million for the third quarter of 2009. The primary reason for the decrease was lower professional fees of \$1.9 million. Professional fees declined primarily due to the successful conclusion, in January 2010, of our internal investigation focusing on our West Africa operations under the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

In the third quarter of 2010, we initiated a relocation and termination plan with a number of our employees located in our Carlyss, Louisiana office. Many of these employees are being relocated to our Houston, Texas office as part of our plan to create a centralized organization structure. We recorded \$0.8 million in relocation and severance expenses related to this plan.

**Interest Income** Interest income increased by \$0.1 million to \$0.5 million for the third quarter of 2010, compared to the third quarter of 2009 primarily due to the recognition of interest income associated with the revaluation of tax receivables in Brazil in accordance with local banking regulations.

**Interest Expense** Interest expense decreased by \$0.2 million to \$2.6 million for the third quarter of 2010, compared to \$2.8 million for the third quarter of 2009. Higher capitalized interest primarily driven by expenditures for ongoing construction of the *Global 1200* and *Global 1201* was responsible for the majority of the decrease between the periods. Capitalized interest for the third quarter of 2010 was \$4.5 million compared to \$3.9 million for the third quarter of 2009.

**Other Income (Expense), net** Other income, net was \$1.3 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to other income, net of \$0.01 million for the third quarter of 2009. Other income in the third quarter of 2010 was primarily related to gains on foreign currency exchange transactions. In comparison, we received a \$1.8 million insurance claim in our West Africa segment which was substantially offset by losses on foreign currency exchange transactions during the third quarter of 2009.

**Income Taxes** Our effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2010 was (22.4)% as compared to 22.8% for the third quarter of 2009. The change in our effective tax rate was due to losses incurred in high tax jurisdictions that were tax fully benefited partially offset by income in low tax jurisdictions and the goodwill impairment in our Latin America segment that was not fully tax benefitted. The change in tax rate from 58.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2010 to 32.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 resulted in a cumulative tax adjustment of \$12.4 million for the third quarter of 2010.

**Segment Information** The following sections discuss the results of operations for each of our reportable segments for the quarters ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

**North America Offshore Construction Division**

Revenues were \$26.4 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$60.0 million for the third quarter of 2009, a decrease of approximately 56%. The decrease of \$33.6 million was primarily due to lower activity and pricing attributable to competitive bidding activity for projects involving the *Hercules*, *Cherokee* and *Chickasaw* and decreased utilization of the *Sea Constructor*, which was sold in July 2010. Income before taxes was \$4.2 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$12.9 million for the third quarter of 2009. The decrease in income before taxes of \$8.7 million was primarily due to lower project activity and margins due to competitive bidding and a \$1.1 million impairment of goodwill partially offset by the \$2.7 million gain recognized on the sale of the *Sea Constructor*.

**North America Subsea**

Revenues were \$42.4 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$46.3 million for the third quarter of 2009. The decrease of \$3.9 million was primarily attributable to lower project activity for the *Global Orion* and *Pioneer* and for the *Sea Cat* and *Sea Fox*, which were sold in May 2010. Partially offsetting the lower activity for these vessels was the increased project activity for the *Olympic Challenger*, *Normand Commander*, and *Sea Leopard*. The *Normand Commander* was assigned to our Latin America segment in the first quarter of 2009 and returned to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico in May 2009 with no activity during the 2009 third quarter. Income before taxes was \$8.7 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$10.3 million for the third quarter of 2009. This \$1.6 million decrease in income before taxes was primarily attributable to lower project margins due to competitive bidding. In addition, we recognized an

impairment of \$0.5 million on a diving system in the third quarter of 2010.

**Table of Contents*****Latin America***

Revenues were \$72.0 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$35.7 million for the third quarter of 2009, an increase of approximately 102%. The \$36.3 million increase is primarily attributable to increased project activity in Mexico. In the third quarter of 2010, we began work on two construction projects in Mexico and continued a DSV charter project in Brazil. In the third quarter of 2009, the Camarupim project in Brazil was substantially completed and work progressed on one repair project in Mexico. Loss before taxes was \$50.9 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared \$10.6 million for the third quarter of 2009. This \$40.3 million decrease was primarily attributable to an impairment of goodwill of \$36.3 million and project losses of \$18.2 million for the Line 58 and Line 59 projects for Pemex in Mexico primarily due to lower than expected productivity and vessel standby delays from non-compensable weather downtime during the third quarter of 2010. Due to the deterioration in the projects, the results for the third quarter of 2010 include an estimate for losses on the both the Line 58 and Line 59 projects through their estimated completion date of the first quarter 2011. Partially offsetting these decreases were a \$9.5 million gain on the sale of the *Shawnee* and gains of \$0.8 million on foreign currency exchange transactions.

***West Africa***

There were no revenues for the third quarter of 2010 compared to revenues of \$(0.5) million for the third quarter of 2009. Income before taxes was \$10.5 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to loss before taxes of \$2.7 million for the third quarter of 2009. Subsequent to the completion of the construction project in Nigeria in June 2009, we curtailed our operations in West Africa and have had no activity in the region since that time. During the third quarter of 2009, we recorded a reserve of \$0.5 million on the recently completed construction project. The income before taxes for the third quarter of 2010 was primarily due to the \$11.6 million gain on the sale of the *Cheyenne* and *Tornado*. This gain was partially offset by non-recovered vessel costs associated with these vessels before the sale was finalized. The loss before taxes for the third quarter of 2009 was primarily attributable to non-recovered vessel costs due to the lack of activity in the region partially offset by the receipt of an insurance claim of \$1.8 million reimbursing us for prior year costs incurred on a project claim.

***Asia Pacific/Middle East***

Revenues were \$57.9 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$76.1 million for the third quarter of 2009, a decrease of approximately 24%. The decrease of \$18.2 million was the result of decreased project activity in the region. Activity during the third quarter of 2010 consisted primarily of one construction project in Malaysia and one project in Indonesia compared to three major construction projects in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and Thailand during the third quarter of 2009. Income before taxes was \$12.8 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$15.7 million for the third quarter of 2009. This decrease in income before taxes of \$2.9 million is primarily due to lower project margins attributable to lower project activity. In addition, we recorded \$0.3 million in foreign currency exchange gains during the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$0.7 million in foreign currency exchange losses in the third quarter of 2009. The third quarter of 2009 benefitted from \$10.2 million of productivity improvements and cost savings on the completion of the Berri and Qatif project in Saudi Arabia.

***Corporate***

Loss before taxes, which is comprised of corporate costs, was \$7.9 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$7.3 million for the third quarter of 2009. This increase in loss before taxes of \$0.6 million was primarily attributable to operating costs incurred in the third quarter of 2010 in preparation for placing the *Global 1200* in service.

**Table of Contents****Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009**

	Nine months ended September 30 2010		2009		% Change (Unfavorable)
	(Thousands)	% of Revenue	(Thousands)	% of Revenue	
Revenues	\$ 418,080	100.0%	\$ 768,010	100.0%	(45.6)%
Cost of operations	405,352	97.0	617,609	80.4	34.4
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>12,728</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>150,401</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>(91.5)</b>
Goodwill impairment	37,388	8.9			n/m
Gain on asset disposals and impairments	(12,483)	3.0	(8,249)	1.0	51.3
Relocation costs	838	0.2			n/m
Selling, general and administrative expenses	51,572	12.3	55,635	7.2	7.3
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>(64,587)</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>103,015</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>(162.7)</b>
Interest income	1,249	0.3	1,594	0.2	(21.6)
Interest expense	(7,308)	1.8	(9,978)	1.3	26.8
Other income (expense), net	269	0.1	6,579	0.9	(95.9)
<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>(70,377)</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>101,210</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>(169.5)</b>
Income tax expense (benefits)	(22,706)	5.4	22,228	2.9	202.2
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>(47,671)</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>78,982</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>(160.4)</b>
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	139				n/m
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to Global Industries, Ltd.</b>	<b>\$ (47,810)</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>\$ 78,982</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>(160.5)%</b>

n/m = not  
meaningful

**Revenues** Revenues decreased by approximately 46% to \$418.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$768.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This decrease was primarily due to lower activity in all reporting segments. For a detailed discussion of revenues and income before taxes for each reporting segment, see Segment Information below.

**Gross Profit** Gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was \$12.7 million, compared to \$150.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This \$137.7 million decrease was primarily due to lower revenues and higher non-recovered vessel costs attributable to decreased project activity. Profits from our Latin America segment were lower for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 due to lower pricing and low productivity on two projects in Mexico resulting in estimated project losses of \$18.2 million. Lower profits in our West Africa segment were primarily attributable to idle vessel costs coupled with no project activity since our curtailment of operations in the region in mid-2009. Our Asia Pacific/Middle East segment experienced lower profits due to decreased project activity and higher non-recovered vessel costs in the region. Our North America Subsea segment was negatively affected by lower pricing, dry-docking of the *Pioneer* and lower project activity for the

**Global Orion, Sea Cat and Sea Fox.** The **Global Orion** was undergoing major repairs to its crane in early 2010 and was unavailable for work until late May. The **Sea Cat** and **Sea Fox** were removed from our operating fleet in the first quarter of 2010 and subsequently sold. Partially offsetting these declines was increased project activity associated with the **Olympic Challenger** and **Normand Commander**. Our North America OCD segment was negatively affected by lower pricing and lower project activity for the **Hercules** and **Cherokee** and the **Sea Constructor**, which was sold in July 2010.

**Goodwill Impairment** During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we recognized a goodwill impairment of \$37.4 million. Of the total impairment, \$1.1 million was related to our North America OCD segment and \$36.3 million was related to our Latin America segment.

**Gain on Asset Disposals and Impairments** Gain on asset disposals and impairments was \$12.5 million, net of losses, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$8.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we recorded gains of \$2.7 million on the sale of the **Sea Constructor** in our North America OCD segment, \$9.5 million on the sale of the **Shawnee** in our Latin America segment, and \$11.6 million on the sale of the **Cheyenne** and **Tornado** in our West Africa segment. These gains were partially offset by impairments of

**Table of Contents**

\$5.0 million on the *Hercules* reel in our North America OCD segment and \$1.2 million on a dive system and two DSVs, the *Sea Cat* and *Sea Fox*, upon classification of these vessels to Assets held for sale in our North America Subsea segment. In addition, we recorded impairments of \$5.2 million in our Asia Pacific/Middle East segment on the *Subtec 1* and other equipment, upon revaluation of these assets held for sale. In comparison, we recorded a \$3.4 million gain on the sale of the *Seminole* and a \$4.9 million gain on the sale of a DSV, the *Sea Lion*, during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we also realized gains on the sale of the *Tonkawa*, *Sea Puma*, *CB 3*, *Power Barge 1*, and *GP37* and recorded impairments on two DSVs and three dive systems.

***Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*** Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$4.0 million to \$51.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$55.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Decreased labor costs of \$1.5 million in our North America Subsea, West Africa, and Corporate segments attributable to reductions in work force commensurate with our decline in revenues, as well as decreased expenses of \$5.6 million for legal, accounting, and other professional fees were the primary drivers of the decrease. Partially offsetting these decreases was an increase in equity compensation of \$2.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we initiated a relocation and termination plan with a number of our employees located in our Carlyss, Louisiana office. Many of these employees are being relocated to our Houston, Texas office as part of our plan to create a centralized organization structure. We recorded \$0.8 million in relocation and severance expenses related to this plan during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

***Interest Income*** Interest income decreased by \$0.4 million to \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Lower cash balances and interest rates in 2010 contributed to lower return on cash balances and short-term investments compared to 2009.

***Interest Expense*** Interest expense decreased by \$2.7 million to \$7.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Higher capitalized interest primarily driven by expenditures for ongoing construction of the *Global 1200* and *Global 1201*, partially offset by increased interest on uncertain tax positions, was responsible for the majority of the decrease between the periods. Capitalized interest for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was \$13.4 million compared to \$10.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

***Other Income (Expense), net*** Other income, net was \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$6.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, Other income was primarily related to gains on foreign currency exchange transactions partially offset by a \$0.5 million loss on the sale of auction rate securities. In comparison, we recorded gains in the amount of \$2.7 million related to foreign currency exchange transactions as well as proceeds of \$2.7 million from insurance claims in both our North America OCD and West Africa segments during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. We also reached a \$3.3 million settlement with a customer for recovery of exchange losses on Nigerian naira payments during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

***Income Taxes*** Our effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was 32.3% as compared to 22.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The increase in our effective tax rate was due to losses in high tax jurisdictions that were tax benefited partially offset by income in low tax jurisdictions and the goodwill impairment in our Latin America segment that was not fully tax benefited.

***Segment Information*** The following sections discuss the results of operations for each of our reportable segments for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

***North America Offshore Construction Division***

Revenues were \$45.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$109.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a decrease of approximately 58%. The \$63.2 million decrease was primarily due to lower pricing due to competitive bidding and lower project activity for the *Cherokee* and *Hercules* and for the *Sea Constructor*, which was sold in July 2010. The decline in project activity was partially attributable to the permitting delays experienced as a consequence of the oil spill in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. In addition, pricing on the *Chickasaw* projects was lower for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 due to

varying project work scopes. Loss before taxes was \$10.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to income before taxes of \$4.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This decrease of \$15.5 million is primarily attributable to lower project activity and pricing and higher non-recovered vessel costs. In addition, we recorded a \$1.1 million impairment of goodwill and a \$5.0 million impairment on the *Hercules* reel upon its classification to Assets held for sale during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. These items were partially offset by the \$2.7 million gain recognized on the sale of the *Sea Constructor*.



**Table of Contents*****North America Subsea***

Revenues were \$102.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$112.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The decrease of \$9.2 million was primarily attributable to lower project activity for the ***Global Orion*** and ***Pioneer***, partially attributable to the permitting delays experienced as a consequence of the oil spill in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. Partially offsetting these declines was higher project activity for the ***Olympic Challenger***, ***Normand Commander***, and ***Sea Leopard***. The ***Olympic Challenger*** and ***Normand Commander*** were utilized as response vessels to the oil spill in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. The ***Normand Commander*** was assigned to our Latin America segment and returned to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico in May 2009 but experienced no activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The ***Pioneer*** was in dry-dock for the first quarter of 2010 and both the ***Sea Cat*** and ***Sea Fox*** were removed from the operating fleet and sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The ***Global Orion*** was undergoing major repairs to its crane and was unavailable for work until late May 2010. Income before taxes was \$3.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared \$26.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This decrease in income before taxes of \$22.1 million was primarily attributable to lower overall project margins attributable to lower activity in the region. In addition, the results for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 included a \$4.9 million gain on proceeds from sale of the DSV, the ***Sea Lion***.

***Latin America***

Revenues were \$148.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$185.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a decrease of approximately 20%. The \$37.0 million decrease is primarily attributable to decreased project activity and vessel utilization. Activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 consisted primarily of two repair projects and the commencement of two construction projects in Mexico and a DSV charter project in Brazil, compared to two major repair projects in Mexico and two major repair projects in Brazil during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Loss before taxes was \$62.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to income before taxes of \$11.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This decrease of \$74.2 million was primarily attributable to lower revenues and higher non-recovered vessel costs due to decreased vessel utilization and a goodwill impairment of \$36.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we experienced project losses of \$18.2 million for the Line 58 and Line 59 projects for Pemex in Mexico primarily due to lower than expected productivity and vessel standby delays from non-compensable weather downtime. Due to the deterioration in the projects, the results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 include an estimate for losses on the both the Line 58 and Line 59 projects through their estimated completion date of the first quarter 2011. Partially offsetting these decreases was a \$9.5 million gain on the sale of the ***Shawnee***.

***West Africa***

There were no revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to revenues of \$101.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Income before taxes was \$7.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$30.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 consisted of the completion of a large construction project for the replacement and repair of a 24-inch pipeline offshore Nigeria. Subsequent to the completion of that project in the second quarter of 2009, we curtailed our operations in the region and have had no project activity in West Africa since that time. The income before taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was primarily due to the \$11.6 million gain recognized on the sale of the ***Cheyenne*** and ***Tornado***, partially offset by non-recovered vessel costs associated with these vessels which remained idle in Tema, Ghana until their recent sale. The income before taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was attributable to (1) project profitability related to the construction project in Nigeria, (2) gains on the sale of the ***Sea Puma***, ***CB3***, and the ***Power Barge 1***, (3) a \$3.3 million settlement with a customer for recovery of the deterioration of the Nigerian naira on invoice payments, and (4) the receipt of an insurance reimbursement of \$1.8 million related to prior year costs incurred on a project claim.

***Asia Pacific/Middle East***

Revenues were \$132.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$285.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a decrease of approximately 54%. The decrease of \$153.0 million was the result of decreased project activity in the region. Activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 consisted of two

construction projects in Malaysia and one project in Indonesia compared to four major construction projects in India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Income before taxes was \$15.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$50.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The \$34.7 million decrease is primarily attributable to decreased revenues and higher non-recovered vessel costs due to a decrease in project activity. In addition, we recorded impairments of \$5.2 million on the revaluation of the *Subtec 1* and

**Table of Contents**

other equipment held for sale during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The nine months ended September 30, 2009, benefitted from \$18.5 million of productivity improvements and costs savings on the Berri and Qatif project in Saudi Arabia and gains of \$3.8 million on the sale of the *Seminole* and *Tonkawa*.

***Corporate***

Loss before taxes, which is comprised of corporate costs, was \$24.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$21.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This \$2.2 million increase in loss before taxes was primarily due to \$2.4 million in operating costs incurred in preparation for placing the *Global 1200* in service, along with an increase of \$1.8 million in equity compensation primarily due to the one-time award of shares with immediate vesting to managerial employees during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Partially offsetting these increases in costs was the \$2.5 million reduction in interest expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 in comparison to the same time period in 2009 primarily attributable to higher capitalized interest.

***Utilization of Major Construction Vessels***

Worldwide utilization for our major construction vessels was 54% and 34% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, respectively and 44% and 50% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009, respectively. Utilization of our major construction vessels is calculated by dividing the total number of days major construction vessels are assigned to project-related work by the total number of calendar days for the period. DSVs, cargo/launch barges, ancillary supply vessels and short-term chartered project-specific construction vessels are excluded from the utilization calculation. We frequently use chartered anchor handling tugs, DSVs, and, from time to time, construction vessels in our operations. In our international operations changes in utilization rarely impact revenues but can have an inverse relationship to changes in profitability.

***Industry and Business Outlook***

The offshore construction industry continues to be hindered by a low level of project activity worldwide. Increased competition in certain key areas attributable to a decrease in worldwide bid activity is leading to lower than historical success ratio on our bid outcomes. The recent oil spill in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and government moratorium have also negatively affected our North America segments as customers are experiencing delays in obtaining the required regulatory permits to perform the offshore work. Although the government moratorium was lifted on October 12, 2010, our customers continue to experience delays in obtaining the required regulatory permits. Opportunities remain and we continue to bid on new projects. However, the impact on our operations due to the duration and severity of the industry downturn and the continued impact of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill cannot be predicted with certainty. We continue to expect weak demand for our services throughout the remainder of 2010 and into 2011.

For the remainder of 2010, our focus remains on successful execution of our projects, building additional backlog, and cash conservation. We continue to pursue new work; however, we have not yet been successful in obtaining new project awards sufficient for the size of our existing operations. To the extent that we are not successful in executing our projects or building sufficient backlog, further cost cutting and cash conservation measures will be required including closing offices, stacking idle vessels, asset sales, and further work force reductions.

As of September 30, 2010, our backlog totaled approximately \$274.5 million (\$264.4 million for international regions and \$10.1 million for North America) compared to \$147.6 million (\$134.4 million for international regions and \$13.2 million for North America) as of September 30, 2009. Of the total backlog, \$112.5 million is scheduled to be performed in 2010. The amount of our backlog in North America is not a reliable indicator of the level of demand for our services due to the prevalence of short-term contractual arrangements in this region.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources******Cash Flow***

Cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, 2010, were \$322.4 million compared to \$344.9 million as of December 31, 2009, a decrease of \$22.5 million. The primary sources of cash and cash equivalents for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 have been cash provided from a net decrease in the working capital components, vessel sales and the sale of marketable securities. The primary uses of cash have been for capital projects.

**Table of Contents**

Operating activities provided \$61.1 million of net cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to providing \$56.3 million of net cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This increase in net cash provided from operating activities reflects a net loss from operations offset by a net decrease in the major working capital components. Changes in operating assets and liabilities were \$58.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to negative \$76.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Contributing to the decrease in changes in operating assets and liabilities were decreases in accounts receivable and income taxes paid.

Investing activities used \$53.0 million of net cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to providing \$41.3 million of net cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we used \$132.3 million to purchase property and equipment, partially offset by cash provided from the sale of marketable securities of \$41.4 million, proceeds from the sale of assets of \$35.5 million and advance deposits received on the sale of assets of \$5.8 million. Cash provided by investing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was primarily related to the decrease in our restricted cash requirements of \$93.4 million and the sale of company assets of \$26.9 million, partially offset by the purchases of property and equipment of approximately \$79.0 million.

Financing activities used \$31.2 million of net cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to using \$4.7 million of net cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we used \$26.0 million to pay long-term payables related to the purchase of property and equipment.

**Contractual Obligations**

The information below summarizes the contractual obligations as of September 30, 2010 for the *Global 1200* and the *Global 1201*, which represents contractual agreements with third party service providers to procure material, equipment and services for the construction of these vessels. The actual timing of these expenditures will vary based on the completion of various construction milestones, which are generally beyond our control (in thousands).

Less than 1 year	\$ 89,131
1 to 3 years	1,500
Total	\$ 90,631

**Liquidity Risk**

Our initial financial projections for 2010 indicated that we might not meet our leverage ratio covenant in our Revolving Credit Facility beginning in the second quarter of 2010 and continuing through the fourth quarter of 2010. Earlier this year, we began discussions with our lenders regarding these potential violations. On June 16, 2010, our Revolving Credit Facility was amended to provide for a modification period beginning on the date of the amendment and ending the earlier of June 30, 2011 or upon compliance with covenant conditions under the Revolving Credit Facility and a written request to end the modification period (the Modification Period). During the Modification Period (1) the net debt to EBITDA coverage ratio under the Revolving Credit Facility will be suspended, (2) we will be required to maintain a trailing twelve months minimum EBITDA of \$40,000,000, and (3) no borrowings, other than letters of credit and guarantees, will be permitted. Once terminated, the Modification Period may not be reinstated. The interest rates on letters of credit will range from 2.75% to 3.5%.

When we finalized the Revolving Credit Facility amendment on June 16, 2010, the financial impact of the oil spill in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico was not forecasted to be as significant as it has since evolved to be. In addition, we experienced project losses on two ongoing projects in Mexico. Consequently, as a result of our operating performance, we did not meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio covenant or the minimum EBITDA covenant of our amended Revolving Credit Facility as of September 30, 2010. On November 3, 2010, the financial institutions participating in the Revolving Credit Facility waived compliance with the covenant conditions for the third quarter. Our current financial projections indicate that we may not meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio covenant or the minimum EBITDA covenant under the amended Revolving Credit Facility in the fourth quarter of 2010 and

continuing into 2011. We are currently in discussion with our lenders regarding these potential violations. If we do not meet these covenants, we may be required to cash collateralize our outstanding letters of credit or explore other alternatives with respect to the covenant violations. If we are required to cash collateralize letters of credit, it would reduce our available cash and may impact our ability to bid on future projects. Further, upon a covenant violation and the declaration of an event of default by our lenders, under the cross default provisions of our Title XI bonds (1) we may be subject to additional reporting requirements, (2) we may be subject to additional covenants restricting our operations, and (3) the Maritime Administration

**Table of Contents**

of the U.S. Department of Transportation ( MarAd ), guarantor of the bonds, may institute procedures that could ultimately allow the bondholders the right to demand payment of the bonds from MarAd. MarAd can alternatively assume the obligation to pay the bonds when due. As we have no outstanding indebtedness under our Revolving Credit Facility, an event of default related to the covenant failure would not trigger the cross default provision of our Senior Convertible Debentures. It is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of discussions with our lenders or the effect that these potential violations may have on our financial position.

As of September 30, 2010, we had no borrowing against the facility, \$44.2 million in letters of credit outstanding thereunder, and available credit of \$105.8 million. Due to the subsequent sale of two vessels mortgaged under the Revolving Credit Facility, our effective maximum borrowing capacity has been reduced to approximately \$134.1 million as of October 31, 2010. We also have a \$6.0 million short-term credit facility at one of our foreign locations. At September 30, 2010, the available borrowing under this facility was \$3.0 million.

***Liquidity Outlook***

During the next twelve months, we expect that balances of cash and cash equivalents, supplemented by cash generated from operations, will be sufficient to fund operations (including increases in working capital required to fund any increases in activity levels), scheduled debt retirement, and currently planned capital expenditures, including payments related to the *Global 1200* and the *Global 1201*. Based on expected operating cash flows and other sources of cash, we do not believe that our reduced project backlog will have a material impact on our overall ability to meet our liquidity needs during the next twelve months. A significant amount of our expected operating cash flows is based upon projects that have been identified, but not yet awarded. If we are not successful in converting a sufficient number of our bids into project awards, we may not have sufficient liquidity to meet all of our needs and may be forced to postpone capital expenditures or take other actions including closing offices, stacking idle vessels, selling assets, and further reducing our workforce. Also, our current financial projections indicate that we may not meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio covenant or the minimum EBITDA covenant under our amended Revolving Credit Facility in the fourth quarter of 2010 and continuing into 2011. Consequently, we may be required to cash collateralize our letters of credit or explore other alternatives with respect to these covenant violations. We are currently in discussion with our lenders regarding these potential violations and cannot predict the outcome these potential violations may have on our financial position. Our liquidity position could affect our ability to bid on and accept projects, particularly where the project requires a letter of credit. This could have a material adverse effect on our ability to obtain project awards and our financial results.

Capital expenditures for the remainder of 2010 are expected to be between \$100 million and \$110 million. This range includes expenditures for the *Global 1200*, *Global 1201*, two new saturation diving systems, and various vessel upgrades.

Our long-term liquidity will ultimately be determined by our ability to earn operating profits that are sufficient to cover our fixed costs, including scheduled principal and interest payments on debt, and to provide a reasonable return on shareholders' investment. Our ability to earn operating profits in the long run will be determined by, among other things, the sustained viability of the oil and gas energy industry, commodity price expectations for crude oil and natural gas, the competitive environment of the markets in which we operate, and our ability to win bids and manage awarded projects to successful completion.

**Table of Contents**

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

Due to the international nature of our business operations and the interest rate fluctuation, we are exposed to certain risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

**Interest Rate Risk**

We are exposed to changes in interest rates with respect to investments in cash equivalents. Our investments consist primarily of commercial paper, bank certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, and money market funds. These investments are subject to changes in short-term interest rates. We invest in high grade investments with a credit rating of AA-/Aa3 or better, with a main objective of preserving capital. A 0.25% increase or decrease in the average interest rate of cash equivalents and marketable securities at September 30, 2010 would have an approximate \$0.8 million impact on pre-tax annualized interest income.

**Foreign Currency Risk**

As of September 30, 2010, our contractual obligations under a long-term vessel charter will require the use of approximately 53.6 million Norwegian kroner (or \$9.2 million as of September 30, 2010) over the next nine months. We have hedged most of our non-cancelable Norwegian kroner commitments related to this charter, and consequently, gains and losses from forward foreign currency contracts will be substantially offset by gains and losses from the underlying commitment.

As of September 30, 2010, we were committed to purchase certain equipment which will require the use of 4.5 million Euros (or \$6.2 million as of September 30, 2010) over the next year. A 1% increase in the value of the Euro will increase the dollar value of these commitments by approximately \$0.1 million.

The estimated cost to complete capital expenditure projects in progress at September 30, 2010 will require an aggregate commitment of 44.0 million Singapore dollars (or \$33.4 million as of September 30, 2010). A 1% increase in the value of the Singapore dollar at September 30, 2010 will increase the dollar value of these commitments by approximately \$0.3 million. We have entered into forward contracts to purchase 7.5 million Singapore dollars to hedge certain purchase commitments related to the construction of the *Global 1201* and 2.5 million Singapore dollars to hedge operating expenses related to our Asia Pacific/Middle East segment.

**Table of Contents**

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. These disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide us with a reasonable assurance that all of the information required to be disclosed by us in periodic reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended ( Exchange Act ) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed and maintained to ensure that all of the information required to be disclosed by us in reports is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow those persons to make timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on their evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that material information relating to our Company is made known to management on a timely basis. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer noted no material weaknesses in the design or operation of the internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that are likely to adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information. There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect internal control over financial reporting.



Table of Contents**PART II OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

The information set forth under the heading "Investigations and Litigation" in Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies," to our condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.****Our Business could be adversely impacted by the Macondo well incident and the resulting changes in regulations affecting offshore oil and gas exploration and development activity.**

Our North American Subsea and North America OCD segments operate primarily in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. In response to the Macondo Well incident new governmental safety and environmental requirements applicable to both deepwater and shallow water operations have been adopted. The new safety and environmental guidelines and regulations for drilling and related activities in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico that the U.S. government has already issued, including the Oil Spill Accountability and Environmental Protection Act, Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability, Americanization of Offshore Operations in the EEZ (exclusive economic zone), and any further new guidelines or regulations the U.S. government may issue or any other steps the U.S. government may take, could disrupt or delay operations, increase the cost of operations or reduce the area of operations for drilling activities in U.S. offshore areas. At this time, we cannot predict the impact of the BP Macondo well incident and resulting changes in the regulation of offshore oil and gas exploration and development activity on our operations or contracts or what actions may be taken by our customers, other industry participants or the U.S. government in response to the incident. Increased costs for our customers' operations in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, along with permitting delays, could affect the economics of currently planned exploration and development activity in the area and reduce demand for our services, which could ultimately have a material adverse affect on our revenue and profitability. Additionally, future legislative or regulatory enactments may impose new requirements that could increase our costs and decrease the availability of insurance.

In addition to the other information set forth in this Quarterly Report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which could materially affect our business, financial condition, or future results of operations. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect business, financial condition, or operating results.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.**

The following table contains our purchases of equity securities during the third quarter of 2010.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Average Price Paid per Share</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b>
July 1, 2010 – July 31, 2010	13,313	\$ 4.28		
August 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010	11,638	4.90		
September 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010	824	5.03		

Total	25,775	\$	4.58
-------	--------	----	------

(1) Represents the surrender of shares of common stock to satisfy payments for withholding taxes in connection with stock grants or the vesting of restricted stock issued to employees under shareholder approved equity incentive plans.

**Table of Contents**

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

- 3.1 - Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of registrant, incorporated by reference to Appendix A of registrant's Definitive Schedule 14A filed April 3, 2010
- 3.2 - Bylaws of registrant, as amended through October 31, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the registrant's Form 10-K filed March 2, 2009
- 10.1 - Agreement between Global Industries, Ltd. and Peter Atkinson dated July 9, 2010, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the registrant's Form 8-K filed July 14, 2010
- 10.2 - Form of Indemnification Agreement between registrant and each of the registrant's directors and executive officers, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the registrant's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997
- \* 10.3 - Waiver to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated November 3, 2010 among Global Industries, Ltd., Global Offshore Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V., Global Industries International, L.L.C., in its capacity as general partner of Global Industries International, L.P., the Lenders and Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, as administrative agent for the Lenders.
- \* 31.1 - Section 302 Certification of CEO, John B. Reed
- \* 31.2 - Section 302 Certification of CFO, C. Andrew Smith
- \*\* 32.1 - Section 906 Certification of CEO, John B. Reed
- \*\* 32.2 - Section 906 Certification of CFO, C. Andrew Smith
- \*\* 101.INS - XBRL Instance Document
- \*\* 101.SCH - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- \*\* 101.CAL - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- \*\* 101.LAB - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- \*\* 101.PRE - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
- \*\* 101.DEF - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
- \* Included with this filing
- \*\* Furnished herewith

Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement filed pursuant to Item 601(b)(10)(iii) of Regulation S-K.

**Table of Contents**

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

GLOBAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.

By: /s/ C. Andrew Smith  
C. Andrew Smith  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Trudy P. McConnaughay  
Trudy P. McConnaughay  
Vice President and Corporate Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

November 4, 2010